



PACKARD AVENUE Utility Construction Lead Water Service Replacement Program



There has been a lot of talk and concern about lead levels in Community Water Systems these days. If you came to the project informational meeting our Water Superintendent was there to discuss any concerns regarding lead in the City's Water Supply. Although the City of Cudahy water system is tested on a regular basis and we have not found that the City's water has contributed to high pediatric lead levels, we want to do everything necessary to limit those risks. As part of the Packard Avenue Utility project the old water main will be replaced in addition to the water service from the water main in the street to your property line. The property line is within a couple feet of the sidewalk. Given the age of the main and the age of a few of the homes, some of the existing water services may be lead. The City Water Utility does not however replace the water service from the property line or water shut-off into the building. That is the property owner's responsibility. So even after the City replaces its portion of the water system within Packard Avenue there would still be some lead services that would remain on private property.

About two months ago the Water Utility was notified that federal funds were available to residents within "low income Cities" through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to replace their portion of the lead water service from the property line into the building. The City applied for the maximum grant amount available and has been notified that the City's application was approved. What does that mean for a property owner that will be affected by the upcoming Packard Avenue Utility project? We don't have a lot of details at this point but we can tell you that if you have a lead service from the sidewalk into your building (meter) you may be eligible to get that service or portions of that service replaced with these funds.

As stated we don't have a lot of details at this point and we are waiting for the Federal and State agencies to provide the necessary paperwork. As we progress through the "red-tape" we will send you more information regarding how you can apply.

If you are interested in learning more about lead in drinking water please refer to the following website:
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>